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Minutes of the Board of Election Commissioners Meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2009

A regular meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was held at the Election Commission Office on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Commissioners King; Bonislowski; Cobb; and Sheinfeld, the Executive Director; Karen Francis, Commission staff; and Ethan P. Cobb, citizen were present.

I: Minutes

Commissioner King moved and Commissioner Cobb seconded a motion that the Minutes of the meeting Board of Election Commissioners of March 25, 2009 be accepted as edited. The motion was accepted by a 3-0 vote, Commissioner Sheinfeld abstaining since he was not in attendance at the March 25, 2009 meeting.

II: Reports

1: Executive Director's Report [see attached] *(taken out of Agenda order)*

A: City Census: The second notice went out on March 27, 2009 and a few thousand additional forms have been returned since then. The Executive Director will request quotes from four printers to print a reduced number of copies of the Street List for 2009.

a: Commissioner Bonislowski suggested that the photo on the cover be from a site in North Cambridge, perhaps the Porter Square windmill at the T stop since the photo last year was from East Cambridge.

C: Visit by members of the Mass. Clerk's Association with whom the Executive Director met last month will be present for the Board of Election Commissioners Meeting on April 29, 2009.

B: 2009 Municipal Election: The Nominations forms will be available to candidates on July 1, 2009. The Executive Directed proposed that a new column be added for names to be printed along side the signatures, which are often a challenge to decipher. She will seek the advice of the City Solicitor on this proposal.

D: The Executive Director reported that she called two references for each of the two candidates for the vacant positions of PR Count Technical Associate and PR Count Technical Assistant. Commissioner Cobb made and motion, seconded by by Commissioner King, to recommend that the City Manager consider both

candidates, one for PR Count Technical Associate and the other for PR Count Technical Assistant.

2: Commissioners Reports

- A. Commissioners Cobb and Bonislawski jointly reported that they had attended the Census 2010 event in Worcester for Massachusetts City and Town Clerks and Election Officials. The Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Director of the Massachusetts Federal Census office both made presentations. The Commissioners found the presentations and display table materials helpful. Commissioner Bonislawski provided Census materials from the event to the Executive Director and the rest of the Board.
- B. Commissioner Bonislawski reported that 233 Third Street is a valid address; 295 Third Street is not a valid address; and that 3 Vandine Street is a valid address.
- C. Commissioner King reported that 1 Foster Street and 100 Walker Street are valid addresses.

III: Action Agenda: New Business

1: Organizational Meeting

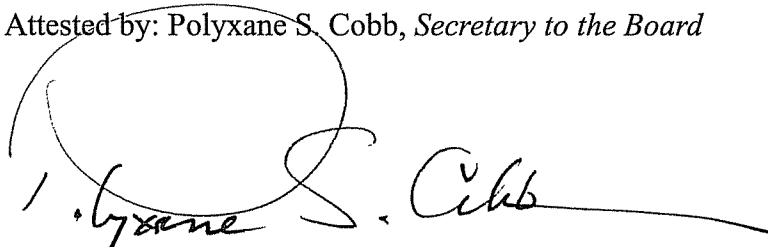
- A: Commissioner Bonislawski moved and Commissioner Cobb seconded a motion that Commissioner King be elected Chair of the Board. The motion carried 4-0.
- B: Commissioner Cobb moved and Commissioner King seconded a motion that Commissioner Sheinfeld be elected Secretary to the Board. The motion carried 4-0.
- C: Commissioner King moved and Commissioner Cobb seconded a motion that Commissioner Bonislawski be elected Vice Chair of the Board. The motion carried 4-0.
- D: Commissioner Bonislawski moved and Commissioner King seconded a motion that Commissioner King be elected Vice Secretary to the Board. The motion carried 4-0.

Old Business: The agenda items under old business were discussed during discussion of the Executive Director's report.

- 1: Municipal Election: The Commissioners discussed modifications of the present system of documents and envelopes provided by the Commission and used by Wardens and Clerks. Further discussion is planned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. by consensus.

Attested by: Polyxane S. Cobb, *Secretary to the Board*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Polyxane S. Cobb", with a large, loopy initial "P" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.